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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND TASKS

REF: A. STATE 202267; B. STATE 192992

1. FOLLOWING IS BUREAU'S DRAFT OF STATEMENT REFERRED TO
IN REFTELS. AMBASSADOR'S REVISIONS AND/OR CLEARANCE
NEEDED ASAP, BUT NO LATER THAN SEPT. 6.

2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF AMBASSADOR: ZAMBIA

I. PROMOTE A CONSTRUCTIVE ZAMBIAN ROLE IN THE PURSUIT OF
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBA, AND AN
EVOLUTION TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

-- ADVISE WASHINGTON ON TAILORING US PROPOSALS AND
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DEMARCHES RE SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR BEST IMPACT ON THE
ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT.

-- MAINTAIN AND FURTHER DEVELOP CLOSE CONTACTS WITH SENIOR
ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS AS WELL AS ZIMBABWEAN AND NAMIBIAN
NATIONALIST GROUPS AT ALL LEVELS.

-- PLAN AND EXECUTE A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, DESIGNED TO HELP ZAMBIA MAINTAIN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY DURING THIS PERIOD OF HIGH TENSION AND ECONOMIC ADVERSITY.

-- MAINTAIN AND IF POSSIBLE ENHANCE THE PRESENT HIGH LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY IN LUSAKA, TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES AND VIEWS OF IMPORTANT ACTORS ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN STAGE, WHERE THIS INFORMATION IS UNAVAILABLE BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS.

II. PROMOTE ZAMBIAN COOPERATION IN US EFFORTS TO RECONCILE NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES.

-- THROUGH FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE CONCERNED ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS, OBTAIN ZAMBIAN SUPPORT FOR A SATISFACTORY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO STABILIZE COPPER PRICES.

-- PLAN AND IMPLEMENT AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE AND PERSUADE THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT OUR PREFERRED SOLUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THROUGH A COMBINATION OF BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS, VISITS BY US EXPERTS, AND USIS INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

III. RECOGNIZING ZAMBIA'S THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP ROLE,
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SEEK GREATER ZAMBIAN ACCEPTANCE (OR AT LEAST UNDERSTANDING) OF U.S. POSITIONS ON WORLD ISSUES.

-- PURSUE AN ACTIVE PROGRAM OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL REPRESENTATIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT, CENTERED ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WHERE ZAMBIAN INTEREST IS FOCUSED AND WHERE ZAMBIAN INFLUENCE IS PARTICULARLY HIGH.

-- PROMOTE EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE, THROUGH NEWLY-IMPLEMENTED REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.

-- ORCHESTRATE USIS ACTIVITIES TO SEEK GREATER EXPOSURE OF US VIEWS TO ZAMBIAN AUDIENCES.

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